

Annual Report



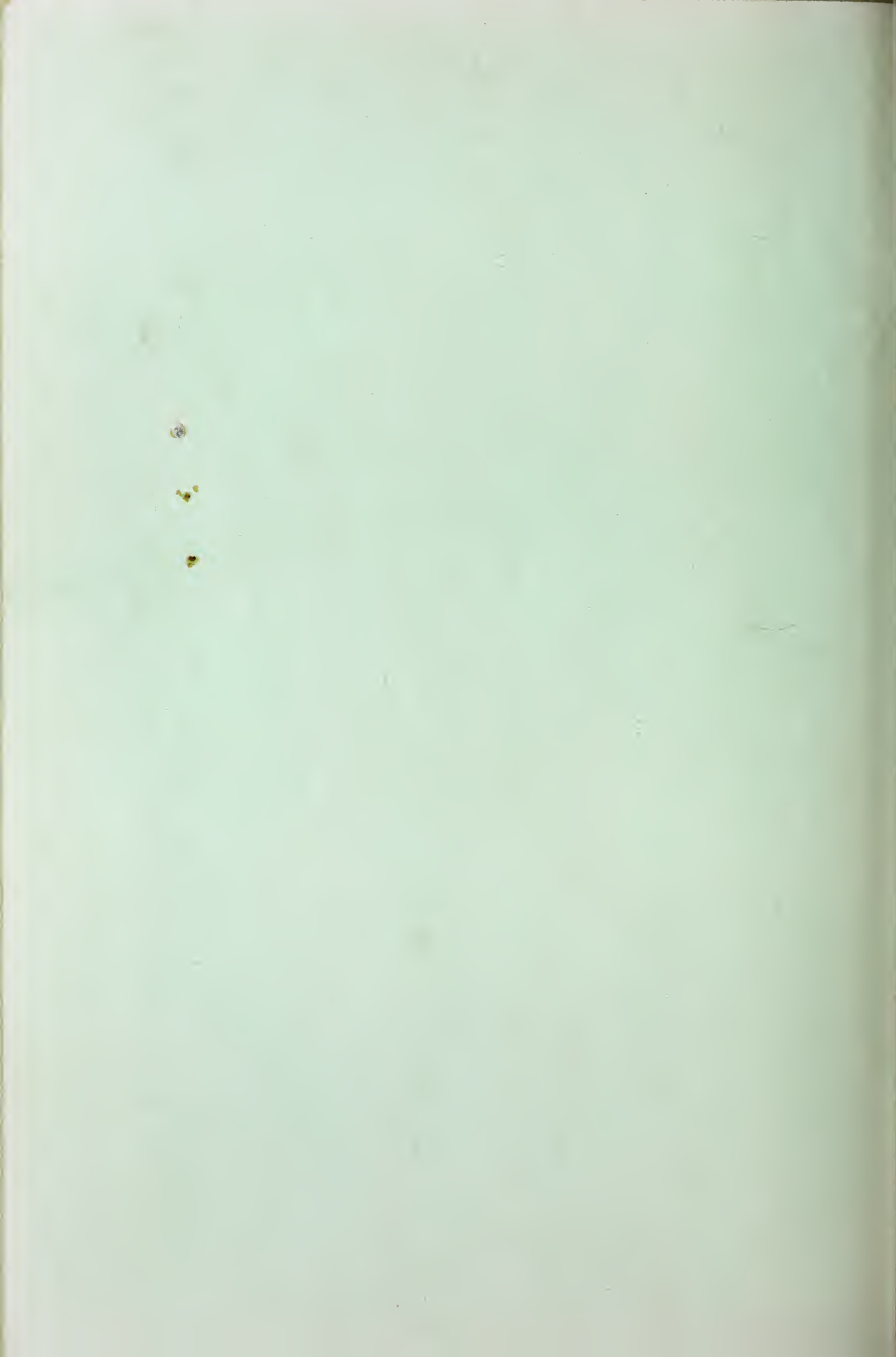
LEYDEN

MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31

1949



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ANNUAL REPORTS

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Officers and Committees

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TOWN OF LEYDEN

MASSACHUSETTS



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Year Ending December 31

1949



Report of the Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$1285 00
Edric W. Cook, moderator	\$ 10 00	
C. P. Zimmerman, selectman	125 00	
Ray Robertson, selectman	100 00	
Edric W. Cook, selectman	100 00	
Elroy C. Coffin, assessor	90 00	
Arthur M. Howes, assessor	90 00	
B. S. Beecher, assessor	90 00	
H. V. Campbell, clerk and treasurer	300 00	
Charlotte L. Staiger, auditor	20 00	
George E. Howes, tax collector	150 00	
John H. Newcomb, constable	25 00	
E. C. Osgood, school committee	60 00	
Jessie W. Glabach, school committee	60 00	
Sara H. Robertson, school committee	50 00	
		<hr/> \$1270 00

HIGHWAY CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		
State		\$9750 00
Town		585 00
		<hr/> \$10335 00
Austin Dobias, superintendent	\$1069 20	
Harold Johnson	838 54	
Ralph Phillips	681 30	

Clifford Haskell	543 59
Ernest Brooks	628 88
Ephraim Metelica	575 23
Irving Bassett	233 75
Richard Hume	103 13
Jack Wilder	69 38
Leland Gerry	15 00
H. V. Campbell	32 00
Richard Metelica	11 20
Bert Whitney	15 60
Russell Howes	3 00
Wilhelm Glabach	3 40
Henry Glabach	5 00
Bernard York	5 95
Welcome Leach	3 40
Leyden Machinery fund	1538 35
H. F. Davis Tractor Co.	766 35
E. R. Taylor, compressor	472 50
Joe Dobias, trucking	250 00
Warren Franklin, trucking	28 00
Lewis Muka, trucking	207 00
H. V. Campbell, trucking	133 00
H. C. Orr, trucking	14 00
Almon Flagg, trucking	34 50
Earle Elwell, trucking	226 00
Clayton Davenport, trucking	72 00
C. P. Zimmerman, trucking	18 00
H. V. Campbell, tractor and mower	102 50
John Wells	4 00
A. M. Howes, team	6 00
Charles Glabach, team	18 75
F. Schmidt, gravel	111 50
C. A. Denison, gravel	48 40
Austin Dobias, gravel	62 08
B. S. Beecher, gravel	81 90
Welcome Leach, gravel	4 00
Harold Johnson, gravel	5 00
Foster Minott, gravel	11 00

R. H. Brown and Co., dynamite	110 25	
Ephraim Metelica, trees	30 00	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	319 97	
Koppers Co., Inc.	363 12	
Lake Asphalt and Petroleum Co.	340 22	
State Prison Colony, posts	21 00	
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Co.	88 56	
Clark Hardware Co.	9 50	
		<hr/> \$10335 00

HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90

Appropriation		
State		\$2000 00
County		1000 00
Town		1000 00
		<hr/> \$4000 00

Austin Dobias, superintendent	\$292 05
Harold Johnson	215 06
Ralph Phillips	201 89
Ephraim Metelica	185 31
Clifford Haskell	82 45
Ernest Brooks	207 76
Irving Bassett	215 48
Leland Gerry	84 38
Wilhelm Glabach	41 88
H. V. Campbell	20 00
Leyden Machinery Fund	360 45
H. F. Davis Tractor Co.	298 35
Almon Flagg, trucking	78 00
H. C. Orr, trucking	54 00
Leo Micuta, trucking	72 00
Clayton Davenport, trucking	75 00
Earle Elwell, trucking	96 00
H. V. Campbell, trucking	35 63
E. R. Taylor, compressor	535 50

Austin Dobias, gravel	54 20
Joe Herdiech, gravel	63 70
H. C. Orr, gravel	5 00
State Prison Colony, posts	189 00
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	8 01
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	290 08
R. H. Brown and Co., dynamite	162 75
C. A. Denison, lumber	16 02
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Co.	60 00
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	\$4000 00

HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	
State	\$ 500 00
County	500 00
Town	500 00
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	\$1500 00

Austin Dobias, superintendent	\$ 85 25
Harold Johnson	53 55
Ralph Phillips	65 88
Irving Bassett	42 08
Ernest Brooks	34 13
Clifford Haskell	41 23
Ephraim Metelica	51 43
R. Herrick	14 45
Joe Dobias, trucking	8 00
Almon Flagg, trucking	10 50
Town of Bernardston, trucking	23 80
H. V. Campbell, trucking	67 20
Leyden Machinery fund	52 80
H. F. Davis Tractor Co.	29 25
Henry Glabach	27 35
L. J. Lively, power broom	52 50
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	1 10
I. Kramer and Sons	8 40

Lake Asphalt and Petroleum Co.	19 20	
Koppers Co., Inc.	649 76	
Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Co.	162 07	
	<hr/>	\$1499 93

SPECIAL HIGHWAY

Appropriation		\$300 00
G. W. Hall	\$38 50	
Austin Dobias	18 50	
Ralph Phillips	44 20	
Harold Johnson	61 10	
Irving Bassett	46 75	
Edward Muka	1 60	
Wilhelm Glabach	5 95	
Henry Glabach	5 98	
H. V. Campbell	20 00	
F. Schmidt, gravel	57 00	
	<hr/>	\$299 58

BRIDGES

Appropriation		\$400 00
Austin Dobias	\$ 13 20	
Harold Johnson	6 80	
Clifford Haskell	13 60	
Ralph Phillips	13 60	
Ephraim Metelica	8 50	
Ernest Brooks	12 00	
W. Kicza	7 50	
Leyden machinery fund	4 80	
H. V. Campbell, plank	176 00	
Almon Flagg, plank	123 84	
C. A. Denison, plank	20 16	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

RAILING

Appropriation		\$200 00
Austin Dobias	\$61 70	
Harold Johnson	45 05	
Ralph Phillips	36 55	
Irving Bassett	22 95	
Henry Glabach	6 00	
Ray Robertson	11 00	
D. C. Herron	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$193 25

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		\$1200 00
Wilhelm Glabach	\$138 19	
Harold Johnson	158 06	
Ralph Phillips	61 76	
Irving Bassett	31 45	
Clifford Howes	37 85	
Earl Brooks	16 13	
Arthur Dobias	22 10	
Henry Glabach	205 37	
G. W. Hall	14 75	
Austin Dobias	28 60	
George Howes	4 50	
Arthur Beaudoin	7 33	
Philip Zimmerman	2 60	
Mackin Sand and Concrete Co.	102 85	
F. Schmidt	18 00	
Joe Herdiech	12 00	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., salt	133 70	
Charles Glabach	8 00	
H. V. Campbell, trucking	24 00	
Leo Micuta, trucking	33 00	
Almon Flagg, trucking	36 00	
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MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1660 00
Appropriation from Machinery Fund	640 00
	<hr/> \$2300 00

Henry Glabach	\$1401 74	
G. W. Hall	2 00	
Gulf Oil Corp.	135 73	
Douglas Barton	82 85	
Stimson and Son, Inc.	77 33	
Perkins-Eaton Machinery Co.	24 95	
Frank Hance	103 65	
Pioneer Motors, Inc.	253 09	
Clark Hardware Co.	2 50	
H. V. Campbell	3 19	
Columbian Steel Co.	23 57	
Brighton Steel Co.	103 46	
H. F. Davis Tractor Co.	50 69	
Harold Johnson	7 23	
	<hr/>	\$2271 98

HEARSE HOUSE

Appropriation		\$250 00
Austin Dobias	\$ 9 90	
Harold Johnson	7 65	
Ralph Phillips	85	
Irving Bassett	85	
Henry Glabach	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$21 75

GYPSY MOTH

Appropriation		\$200 00
Stanley Richardson, superintendent	\$56 00	
Gordon Barton	24 00	

Andrew McDonald	42 00	
Ernest Brooks	48 00	
Norman Barton	18 00	
William Caron	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$100 00
Cornelius Kennedy	\$47 00	
Arthur Beaudoin	41 99	
Ernest Brooks	9 75	
	<hr/>	\$98 74

FIRE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$100 00
Frank Hance	\$29 76	
Fire Mutual Aid	5 00	
Henry Glabach	29 20	
Hiram Hawkins	4 00	
Fyr-Fyter Co.	31 30	
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EAST HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation		\$50 00
Louis Black	\$50 00	
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FIRE INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$250 00
Stimson and Son, Inc.	\$228 09	
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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation	\$25 00
Expended	0 00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$100 00
Town of Greenfield	\$54 15
Dr. Edward P. Wallace	30 00
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	\$84 15

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$20 00
Stanley L. Cummings	\$10 00
F. H. Brown Co., flags	7 68
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	\$17 68

PRINTING

Appropriation	\$200 00
The Art Press, town reports	\$168 95
E. A. Hall Co., ballots	13 12
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	\$182 07

INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation	\$100 00
Ernest Brooks	\$11 48
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	\$11 48

INSPECTION OF BARNS AND ANIMALS

Appropriation	\$50 00
Frederick Staiger	\$50 00
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	\$50 00

NOTES AND INTEREST

Appropriation from machinery fund		\$1210 00
Franklin County Trust Co., note	\$1165 00	
Franklin County Trust Co., interest	34 95	
	<hr/>	\$1199 95

LIBRARY

Appropriation		\$100 00
Interest on Library Fund		23 11
Balance January 1, 1949		82 71
	<hr/>	\$205 82

Edith M. Howes	\$47 76	
Leta Wood	22 40	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	9 00	
Clark Hardware Co.	7 22	
Henry Glabach	91 50	
	<hr/>	\$177 88

WELFARE

Appropriation		\$200 00
Expended as per book account		120 00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town appropriation		\$8000 00
Expended as per book account		6742 06

U. S. GRANT OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Received		\$5871 26
Expended as per book account		5806 38

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Town appropriation	\$125 00
C. P. Zimmerman	\$125 00
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town appropriation	\$1600 00
Expended as per book account	1380 00

U. S. GRANT AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Received	\$1404 00
Expended as per book account	1390 00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$600 00
Stimson and Son, Inc., bonds	\$ 36 00
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.	20 51
Western Mass. Electric Co.	43 31
Hobbs and Warren, Inc.	69 30
Brown Printing Co.	25 75
Barrett and Baker	15 95
Mass. Assessors' Association	6 00
Mass. Selectmen's Association	10 00
Franklin County Selectmen's Association	6 00
Mass. Collectors' and Treasurers' Assoc.	2 00
Greater Boston Community Council	3 00
H. V. Campbell, wood	35 00
H. V. Campbell, postage	42 06
George Howes, sealer	10 00
George Howes, postage	13 71
Henry Glabach, janitor	100 00
Henry Glabach	24 75

Clark Hardware Co.	2 75	
J. F. Donovan	42 93	
Earl Brooks	3 65	
C. P. Zimmerman	23 12	
Edric W. Cook	10 00	
Ray Robertson	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$555 79

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$450 00
Transferred		0 00

ALL OTHERS

S. T. K. Davenport, South Cemetery interest	\$ 35 92	
Spencer C. Howes, Beaver Meadow Cemetery interest	5 82	
Spencer C. Howes, Beaver Meadow Cemetery	27 50	
Treasurer of Franklin County County Tax	1133 68	
Dog licenses	152 40	
Commonwealth of Mass., state parks and reservations	30 00	
Collector of Internal Revenue	666 10	
Edric W. Cook, wild cat bounty	10 00	
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Respectfully submitted,

CASPER P. ZIMMERMAN
EDRIC W. COOK
RAY ROBERTSON

Selectmen of Leyden

Audited January 31, 1950
CHARLOTTE L. STAIGER, Auditor

SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1950

Town Officers	\$ 1285 00
Aid to Dependent Children	1400 00
Welfare	200 00
Old Age Assistance	7500 00
Snow Removal	1000 00
Bridges	400 00
Railing	200 00
Highway Chapter 81	585 00
Highway Chapter 90	1000 00
Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance	500 00
Special Highway	300 00
Gypsy Moth	200 00
Memorial Day	20 00
Board of Health	100 00
Library	100 00
Inspection of Slaughtering	100 00
Inspection of Barns and Animals	50 00
Fire Insurance	250 00
Tree Warden	125 00
Fire Warden	100 00
Miscellaneous Account	600 00
Notes and Interest	1225 00
Printing	200 00
Machinery Account	3000 00
Schools	16000 00
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> \$36440 00

1949 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES IN TOWN OF LEYDEN

1 Greenfield Road	\$1880 50
2 Brattleboro Road	607 27
3 Frizzell Hill Road	883 50
4 North Bernardston Road	12 10

5	East Hill Road	612 38
6	East Hill Br. Road	19 50
7	Keets Brook Road	309 48
8	Paige Road	26 30
9	Alexander Road	155 11
10	County Road	744 79
11	Hunt Road	0 00
12	W. S. Black Road	1 00
13	Eden Road	541 90
14	East Glen Road	605 14
15	Wilson Road	8 20
16	Gates Road	180 65
17	River Road	510 54
18	Lynde Mill Road	5 30
19	West Leyden Road	2678 76
20	Bell Road	150 90
21	George Lamb Road	16 60
22	Kately Hill Road	161 25
23	South Schoolhouse Road	154 20
24	Coates Road	26 50
25	Brooks Road	43 13
26	Miscellaneous	0 00
		<hr/> \$10335 00

ALLOTMENTS

State	\$9750 00
Town	585 00
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Total	\$10335 00

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1949	\$16963 21
Income from Davenport Fund	22 00
Income from Library Fund	23 11
Quintus Allen Legacy	325 00
Dog Money Returned by County	147 86
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Superintendent's salary	197 24
Vocational education	164 81
Income tax, Chap. 70, Part 1	5139 70
School transportation	3133 35
Income tax	1210 00
Reimbursement loss of taxes	37 81
Inspection of animals	25 00
Franchise tax	58 04
Corporation tax, business	1691 75
Meal tax	270 13
Old age assistance	4257 35
Aid to dependent children	917 45
Highways, Chap. 81, balance 1948	935 80
Highways, Chap. 90, 1948	1999 98
Highways, Chap. 90, 1949	2000 00
Highways, Chap. 90 maintenance 1948	500 00
Highways, Chap. 81	8309 74
County of Franklin	
Highways, Chap. 90, 1948	999 99
Highways, Chap. 90, 1949	1000 00
Highways, Chap. 90 maintenance 1948	500 00
Wild cat bounty	10 00
U. S. Grant for Old Age Assistance	5871 26

U. S. Grant for O. A. A. administration	63 65
U. S. Grant for Aid to Dependent Child'n	1404 00
U. S. Grant for A. D. C. administration	6 68
Road machinery earnings	1956 90
Fee from Sealer of Weights and Measures	2 05
E. W. Cook, slaughtering license	1 00
E. W. Cook, slaughtering fees	11 75
A. A. Phillips, slaughtering fees	50
Interest South Cemetery funds	35 92
Interest Beaver Meadow Cemetery funds	5 82
Town Clerk, dog licenses	152 40
Registration Greenfield Girl Scout Camp	50
Withholding Tax	666 10
Library fines	28
Library, sale of paper	40
Interest 1947 tax	22 73
Interest 1948 tax	65 88
Interest 1949 tax	2 78
Demands 1947 tax	2 10
Demands 1948 tax	6 30
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	\$61118 32

Taxes

1946 tax	\$ 12 03
1947 tax	291 21
1948 tax	3205 07
1949 tax	13676 89
1947 poll tax	2 00
1948 poll tax	22 00
1949 poll tax	128 00
1947 motor excise tax	3 62
1948 motor excise tax	46 29
1949 motor excise tax	864 70
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	18251 81
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	\$79370 13

Expenditures

Selectmen's warrants	\$41967 68	
School Committee's warrants	16403 91	
Balance on hand December 31, 1949	20998 54	
	<hr/>	\$79370 13

HAROLD V. CAMPBELL,

Town Treasurer

Audited January 17, 1950

CHARLOTTE L. STAIGER, Auditor

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Feb.	28	Loretta Altha Patricia Emond
May	11	Infant Squires
June	13	Gretchen Caroline Duncan
Aug.	12	Linda Lou Bezio
Oct.	18	Lois Anne Staiger
Dec.	28	Raymond Jack Wilder

MARRIAGES

Jan.	29	Raymond W. Bezio and Florence Minnie Haskell
Feb.	20	Jack E. Wilder and Phyllis L. Marsh
Dec.	27	Ralph L. Rhodes and Catherine F. Stockwell

DEATHS

Feb.	8	Gratia Severance Campbell, 74 years
April	3	Annie Myra Grover Thayer, 75 years
May	6	Seth Perry Ewer, 85 years
May	11	Infant Squires
Oct.	28	Michael J. Shea, 71 years .

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED

39 males at \$2.00	\$78 00
5 females at \$5.00	25 00

16 spayed females at \$2.00	32 00	
3 kennels at \$10.00	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$165 00

Paid Town Treasurer	\$152 40	
Clerk's fees, 63 at 20c	12 60	
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REPORT OF HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

23 Resident Citizen Fishing at \$2.00	\$46 00	
22 Resident Citizen Hunting at \$2.00	44 00	
21 Resident Citizen Sporting at \$3.25	68 25	
18 Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing at \$1.25	22 50	
1 Special Non-Resident Fishing at \$1.50	1 50	
1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting at \$10.25	10 25	
7 Resident Citizen Sporting	Free	
1 Resident Citizen Fishing	Free	
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Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$171 00	
Fees retained, 86 at 25c	21 50	
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HAROLD V. CAMPBELL,

Town Clerk

Audited February 1, 1950
CHARLOTTE L. STAIGER, Auditor

Tax Collector's Report

JANUARY 1, 1949 TO DECEMBER 31, 1949

Tax	Collected	Uncollected	Interest	Demand	Abatement	Refund
1946	\$ 12 03					
1947	291 21	\$ 142 61	\$22 37	\$1 40	\$ 38 25	
1947 Poll	2 00	2 00	12	35		
1947 Excise	3 62		24	35		
1948	3205 07	1049 91	64 29	3 85	28 80	
1948 Poll	22 00	16 00	26	1 05		
1948 Excise	46 29	47 12	1 33	1 40	4 83	
1949	13825 93	4522 41	2 07		27 00	
1949 Poll	130 00	46 00			12 00	
1949 Excise	929 61	220 52	71		43 20	\$28 75
Total	\$18467 76	\$6046 57	\$91 39	\$8 40	\$154 08	\$28 75

GEORGE E. HOWES,

Tax Collector

Warrant for Town Meeting

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS:

To John H. Newcomb, Constable of the Town of Leyden
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, Monday, the sixth day of March next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing:

- One Moderator for one year
- One Town Clerk for one year
- One Town Treasurer for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Assessor for three years
- One Assessor for two years
- One School Committee for three years
- One Constable for one year
- One Auditor for one year
- One Tree Warden for one year
- One Collector of Taxes for one year
- One Trustee Robertson Memorial Library for three years

and fill any vacancies that may occur.

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money

from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the accumulated and current income of the Davenport Fund in the sum of \$66.00 in equal shares toward defraying the expenses of the poor and schools. P

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the accumulated income of the Barstow Fund in the sum of \$164.90 toward defraying the expenses of the welfare account. P.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Town Officers for the year 1949, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. P.

ART. 6. To act on the list of jurors as posted by the selectmen. P.

ART. 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the Honor Roll and discharge the committee, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. P.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise money for the necessary expenses of the town and appropriate same, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the maintenance of schools during the current year.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended:

Moderator	\$ 5 00	for each meeting
Town Clerk and Treasurer	300 00	
Selectmen		
Chairman of Board	125 00	
Second member	100 00	
Third member	100 00	
School Committee		
Chairman of Board	60 00	
Clerk	60 00	
Third member	50 00	
Assessors		
Each member	90 00	
Constable	25 00	
Auditor	20 00	
Tree Warden	Hourly wage of departmental supt.	
Collector of Taxes	150 00	
Library Trustees	0 00	

and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the payment of compensation under provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the machinery fund the sum of \$1225.00 for notes and interest or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the overlay surplus the sum of \$450.00 for a reserve fund as provided in Section 6, Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to purchase the Oliver tractor equipped with gravel loader rented in 1949, appropriate money for same, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 as Leyden's share in the incidental ex-

penses of the Regional School District Planning Board, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the care of the East Hill Cemetery, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint an inspector of wires as provided in Chapter 529 of the Acts of 1949 and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the cost of such inspection, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$6000.00 for Chapter 81, Chapter 90 Construction, and Chapter 90 Maintenance highways. This money to be returned to available funds upon reimbursement by the State and County.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to form a Public Welfare District together with the towns of Bernardston, Gill and Warwick or any one or more of them, or to take any action relative thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to buy or take an option on a parcel of land on which to build a school, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To hear the report of the school survey committee and to see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for another set of plans, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for expenses of school survey committee.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to buy from the

Leyden Methodist Church a parcel of land between the machinery shed and land of John H. Newcomb, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for land damages to Seth Judson Ewer in connection with the widening of the West Leyden Road.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize the assessors to use from the treasury any sum of money to reduce the 1950 tax rate.

The polls will be opened at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at five o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof on the Town House seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

CASPER P. ZIMMERMAN
EDRIC W. COOK
RAY ROBERTSON

Selectmen of Leyden

Annual Report

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School Department



Organization

School Committee

Elihu Osgood, Chairman	Term expires 1952
Jessie Glabach, Secretary	Term expires 1951
Sara Robertson	Term expires 1950

Superintendent of Schools

F. Sumner Turner, A. B.—M. Ed.
Office, Center School, Northfield, Mass., Tel. 757

School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M. D.
Northfield, Mass.

School Nurse

Bernice F. Berry, R. N.
Tel. Greenfield 3411

Attendance Officer

John H. Newcomb

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1950—1951

Schools Open January 3, 1950	Close February 16, 1950
Schools Open February 27, 1950	Close April 14, 1950
Schools Open April 24, 1950	Close June 21, 1950
Schools Open September 6, 1950	Close December 22, 1950
Schools Open January 2, 1951	Close February 16, 1951

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Leyden:

I am pleased to present herewith my second annual report as your Superintendent of Schools. The record covers the 178th year of public education in the Town of Leyden.

TEACHERS

For the third year the schools of Leyden have retained the same corps of teachers. This has been of tremendous importance to our pupils. Due to the demands of citizens at the time of re-election of teachers a plan of rotation of teachers was evolved. This led to further demands which left the teachers in their former positions. This has worked out nicely. With the present educational set-up and physical condition of our school buildings the attraction of teachers to Leyden is a difficult task.

SCHOOL BUILDING

Upon the expiration of the building permits on December 6, 1949, the State Building Inspector refused to extend them. This with the evidence of intentions by the people of Leyden permits were granted to May 1, 1950. The Building Committee has been most diligent in pursuing its task as outlined by the Town Meeting. The report of this committee when presented to the Town Meeting in March will give to the voters a basis for a wise decision. The children of Leyden have every right to expect to face the problems of adulthood with just as adequate a preparation as the children in every other community. Also, that decision must take in full consideration the future problems as well as the problem of the moment. An economical solution of today may prove most costly when measured over five or ten years.

ART SUPERVISOR

In conjunction with the other four towns in Union No. 22, Mr. Edson Crafts was appointed as Art Supervisor. He visits each class every two weeks and leaves work to be done by the class during the alternate week. The results thus far have been most amazing. Naturally, much time has been spent in attempting to build a foundation upon which to base more advanced art instruction. Also, much effort has been needed to develop a unified course of art instruction. As I have visited classes and followed the art instruction I have noted a greater appreciation of art, constant improvement in manual dexterity and tremendous increase in imagination and initiative. Furthermore, we are now finding a continuity to the art program which, before, was most haphazard, being left to the interest and ability of the individual teacher.

READING

Much concern was evidenced in our reading system—Alice and Jerry Series. Considerable study has been made of this system and other available systems. Reading experts were consulted and, in the final analysis, it was decided that there would be no gain in changing systems. The reading consultant for the Alice and Jerry Series came to Leyden and reviewed our problems, gave demonstration classes and held teacher conferences. A method of recording the progress made by each pupil was devised. Much improvement has been noted and as time progresses these gains will become more evident.

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

At this same town meeting the moderator was instructed to appoint three citizens to meet with the citizens, appointed in like fashion in the several towns of Union 22, to study the feasibility of a Regional Junior and Senior High School for the towns of Bernardston, Gill, Leyden, Warwick and Northfield. Mr. Elihu C. Osgood, Mr. James Avery and Mr. Arthur Howes were appointed to represent Leyden. Since that time all towns of the

Union have taken like action. On January 6, 1950, this committee assembled at the Center School together with Mr. John Marshall, Administrator of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission to commence this study. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done by this committee before the report will be ready for the consideration of the townspeople. The regional school plan holds forth many inducements toward the solution of our building situation, our limited high school offerings, and our inadequate physical facilities. With all the towns in Union 22 facing similar problems, the permissive legislation of Chapter 638 may aid us to find better and less expensive education for our boys and girls.

FINANCES

The finances of the School Committee occupy a great share of the administrator's time. At all times and in all ways every attempt is made to keep expenses at the lowest level. This year, by close economy, the School Committee was able to return \$596.09 to the Town Treasury. This year the state reimbursement amounted to \$8,635.10, a decrease of \$585.62. This was caused by two factors. The reimbursement for Vocational Tuition is based upon the amount of vocational tuition paid during the school year 1947-48. At that time Leyden was sending one vocational boy to Greenfield and one girl to Arms Academy. Secondly, the transportation for Vocational pupils did not receive reimbursement. This is to be rectified at this session of legislature.

This coming year the state reimbursement will approximate the following figures. Superintendent's Salary and Travel will be increased to approximately \$336.97, an increase of \$139.73. Chapter 70 will amount to \$5,139.70. Vocational Tuition will amount approximately to \$520.00 and reimbursement for transportation, approximately \$5,000.00. This will give a total of approximately \$10,996.67.

If S87, now before legislature, becomes law, State Aid to Education to the Town of Leyden would be increased \$1,200.

This year the School Committee faces an increase in items beyond their control. There are now twelve pupils attending Greenfield High with a tuition rate of \$277.74 per year per pupil. Three will graduate in June, but there are four more to enter in September. Greenfield has already indicated that in the fall the tuition rate may be slightly higher. There are five boys in Vocational School at a rate of \$260.00 per year. This tuition item calls for an increase of \$1,212.68. With this increased high school population and increased transportation charges, this item calls for an increase of \$911.29. These two items increase the budget by \$2,133.97. This year the committee feels that it must present a budget of \$19,136.00 or an increase of \$2,136.00 over the figure appropriated last year.

SCHOOL UNDERSTANDING

The growing interest in school affairs by the citizens of our town is very heartening. The discussion of school and child problems is now found in increasing numbers, in all our various media for the dissemination of knowledge, (i. e.) books, magazines, newspaper, radio, discussion groups, and others. The education of a child is not a simple task. It is the most complex job that faces our generation. The more understanding that is enjoyed by more people the better we will equip the coming generation to face their tasks. I know that the people of Leyden will avail themselves of every opportunity to understand, as fully as possible their school problems. Together, we cannot fail.

I wish to express my appreciation to the School Committee, School Personnel and the people of Leyden for their help and understanding in my school duties.

F. SUMNER TURNER,

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Name	School	Where Educated	Date of App't
Pearl E. Rhodes	Center	Amer'c'n Interna'l College, A. B.	1946
Genevra L. Ferre	South	Randolph, Vt. High School	1947
Evelyn A. Tenney	Beavermeadow	Fitchburg Normal	1945
Clara Cook	Music Supervisor	Northampt'n Music School	1943
W. L. Rinehart	Penm'ns'p Sup'r		1942
Edson Crafts	Art Supervisor	Rhode Island School of Design Brown University, Art Inst. of Chicago B. of F. A. Univ. of Chicago	1949

CENSUS REPORT

The annual census of children in Leyden between the ages of 7 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1949 as required by law.

Between the ages of 7-16	Boys	Girls	Total
	36	25	61

ENROLLMENT, OCTOBER 1, 1949

	Beavermeadow								
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tl'
Boys	3	2	0	2	2	0	3	2	14
Girls	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	6
Totals	3	4	0	2	3	1	5	2	20

Center

Boys	2	3	0	3	2	1	3	0	14
Girls	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	8
Totals	3	3	0	4	3	3	4	2	22

South

Boys	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	7
Girls	2	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	10
Totals	3	1	3	2	4	0	4	0	17

Town

Boys	6	5	2	5	5	1	9	2	35
Girls	3	3	1	3	5	3	4	2	24
Totals	9	8	3	8	10	4	13	4	59

High School Pupils

	Boys	Girls	Total
Greenfield Junior High School	5	4	9
Greenfield Senior High School	2	2	4
Greenfield Vocational School	5	0	5
Total	12	6	18

Total Registration 1949	77
Total Registration 1948	69
Increase	8

Net Cost of Schools for 1949

Expended by the School Department 1949	
Regular Appropriation	\$16403 91

State of Massachusetts Reimbursements:

Chapter 70 as amended 1948 C-643	\$5139 70
Vocational Tuition	164 81
Transportation	3133 35
Supt.'s Salary and Travel	197 24

Total	\$8635 10
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Net Cost of Public Education, 1949:

Net Cost of Public Education 1946	\$5282 22
Net Cost of Public Education 1947	4913 05
Net Cost of Public Education 1948	5255 92
Net Cost of Public Education 1949	7768 81

Budget Summary

1949 Expenditures and Estimates for 1950

Item	Expenditures 1949	Recommended 1950
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 5775 50	\$ 6050 00
Writing Supervisor	180 00	180 00
Art	40 00	108 00
Music Supervisor	300 00	300 00
Superintendent:		
Salary	382 44	500 00
Travel	112 50	150 00
Out-of-State Travel	7 93	10 00

Union Clerk	123 32	133 00
Cleaning Schools	33 75	40 00
Fuel and Lights	175 61	200 00
Repairs	35 54	115 00
New Equipment	100 00	100 00
Medical Service	150 00	150 00
Transportation:		
Local	2095 90	2650 00
High School	2673 83	3030 00
Tuition:		
High School	2138 88	3000 00
Vocational School	1149 44	1500 00
Janitors' Salaries	180 00	180 00
Janitors' Supplies	79 79	40 00
Textbooks	327 36	300 00
Student Supplies	190 87	200 00
Sundry Educational Expense	151 25	200 00
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	\$16403 91	\$19136 00

Unexpended Balance \$596 09

ELIHU C. OSGOOD
JESSIE W. GLABACH, Sec.
SARA H. ROBERTSON

Audited February 1, 1950
CHARLOTTE L. STAIGER, Auditor

Report of the Art Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I am happy to submit this, my first annual report, to School Union 22 of Northfield, Bernardston, Leyden, Gill, and Warwick. Even though, in my case, this is a semi-annual report, since the art program has been functioning only since September, 1949, there are still very definite things to be pointed out at this time.

Supervising the art education of the students in the Union is a distinct pleasure, not only because of the wholehearted co-operation extended by everyone, but also because of the high level of work produced by the students. Their interest and enthusiasm have, at all times, been outstanding.

I would like to state here that it would not have been possible to have made such rapid progress in this time had it not been for the support and help of the teachers in the various schools. Since the art supervisor visits each school just one day every two weeks, the individual teachers give a prescribed lesson during the week the supervisor is not there. In every case they have been most willing and competent.

The art curriculum is a new one incorporated into the schools. The broad purposes of it are to lay a solid foundation for the appreciation of art, to increase manual dexterity, and to stimulate initiative. But, while the art program is new, results already are apparent. The art curriculum is finding its place in the various schools, and many teachers have found it helpful in working out problems in subjects where visual interpretation was to be used.

This first year of the art program has been one of constructing groundwork for what is hoped will be a progressively increased and expanded course. At all times we shall attempt to make the experience of each student as broad and encompassing as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

EDSON S. CRAFTS

Report of the School Physician

The chief duty of the school physician is to conduct the annual physical examination of all school children. This was done in October at each school with the assistance of Mrs. Berry, the school nurse. Although there were seven more pupils examined this year, I am happy to report that there are seventeen less defects found. This is a remarkable improvement and reflects the better care the parents are giving their children. Defective teeth still is the chief defect found in spite of an impressive array of new fillings in the children's mouths.

I wish to thank Mrs. Berry and the teachers for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M. D.,

School Physician

Report of the School Nurse

To the School Committee of Leyden:

The routine work of assisting Dr. Dean with health examinations, audiometer hearing test, Massachusetts Vision Test, has been done. All defects have been reported to parents. The Well Child Clinic was held in July with Dr. Wallace examining and giving advice to the mothers. Mrs. Horst, State Nutritionist, gave help and advice to the mothers. Regular visits to the school have been made.

BERNICE G. BERRY,

School Nurse

Report of the State Audit

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

October 18, 1949

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Casper P. Zimmerman, Chairman
Leyden, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Leyden for the period from March 16, 1947 to July 30, 1949, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,

Director of Accounts

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Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Leyden for the period from March 16, 1947, the date of the previous examination, to July 30, 1949, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds, or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, town clerk, and tax collector for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitments of poll, personal property, and real estate taxes, as well as motor vehicle and trailer excise, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements, as recorded, were checked to the assessors' abatement records, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand on July 30, 1949 was verified by actual count.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

It was noted that the detailed list of poll, personal property, and real estate taxes committed by the assessors to the tax collector had been written in a book designed for the commitment of real estate taxes and that, in one instance, the commitment list of taxes was compiled by the tax collector from the assessors' valuation books. It is urged that the commitment list to the collector be prepared by the assessors and written into books

which are designed for each class of taxes and which are approved as to form by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the warrants approved by the selectmen, and the cash balance on July 30, 1949 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The savings bank books representing the investments of trust funds in custody of the treasurer were examined and listed. The income was verified and the withdrawals were checked.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes were examined and checked. The deductions were compared with the amounts recorded on the treasurer's books, the payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue were verified, and the balance in the general treasury on July 30, 1949 was proved to the card record of deductions.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rates for the period covered by the audit.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued, the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on July 30, 1949 was proved by actual count.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The receipts were compared with the record of fees charged, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on July 30, 1949 was proved by actual count.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare department for aid to dependent children and old age assistance were analyzed. The charges were listed, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The librarian's record of fines collected were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on July 30, 1949 was proved by actual count.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on July 30, 1949.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

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Assistant Director of Accounts

BALANCE SHEET—July 30, 1949

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash
Accounts Receivable:
Taxes:

Levy of 1947 \$ 252 54
Levy of 1948 1634 07
Levy of 1949 15621 30

17507 91

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1948 \$ 61 66
Levy of 1949 98 36

Tax Possessions
Departmental:

Old Age Assistance \$1578 67
Aid to Dependent
Children 684 11

2262 78

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Federal Taxes Withheld \$ 3 60
Dog Licenses—Due County 5 40

State Parks and Reservation Tax 21 21

County Tax 1058 55

Excess from Sale—Land of Low Value 41 80

Sale of Real Estate Fund 860 00

Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund 27 50
Road Machinery Fund 1169 52
Trust Fund Income:

Quintus Allen School
Fund \$ 385 45
Barstow Charity Fund 120 39
Davenport School and
Poor Fund 44 00

549 84

Aid to Highways:			
State	\$7270 32		
County	1500 00		
Estimated Receipts, To Be Collected			
	8770 32	Federal Grants:	
		Old Age Assistance:	\$1035 88
		Assistance	
		Administration	63 65
	8742 31		1099 53
		Appropriation Balances	
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	21565 38
		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	1208 58
		Levy of 1947	\$ 252 54
		Levy of 1948	396 37
		Levy of 1949	498 91
			1147 82
		Revenue Reserve Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle and	
		Trailer Excise	\$ 160 02
		Tax Possession	124 19
		Departmental	2262 78
		State and County Aid to Highways	8770 32
			11317 31
		Surplus Revenue	15251 15

\$55327 19

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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$1165 00

Departmental Equipment Loan

\$1165 00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

47

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities

\$11735 77

\$ 1766 27

Barstow Charity Fund

1100 00

Davenport Poor and School Fund

1100 00

Charles M. Davenport Library

1066 52

Book Fund

4395 97

Quintus Allen School Fund Income

1161 50

Robertson Memorial Library Fund

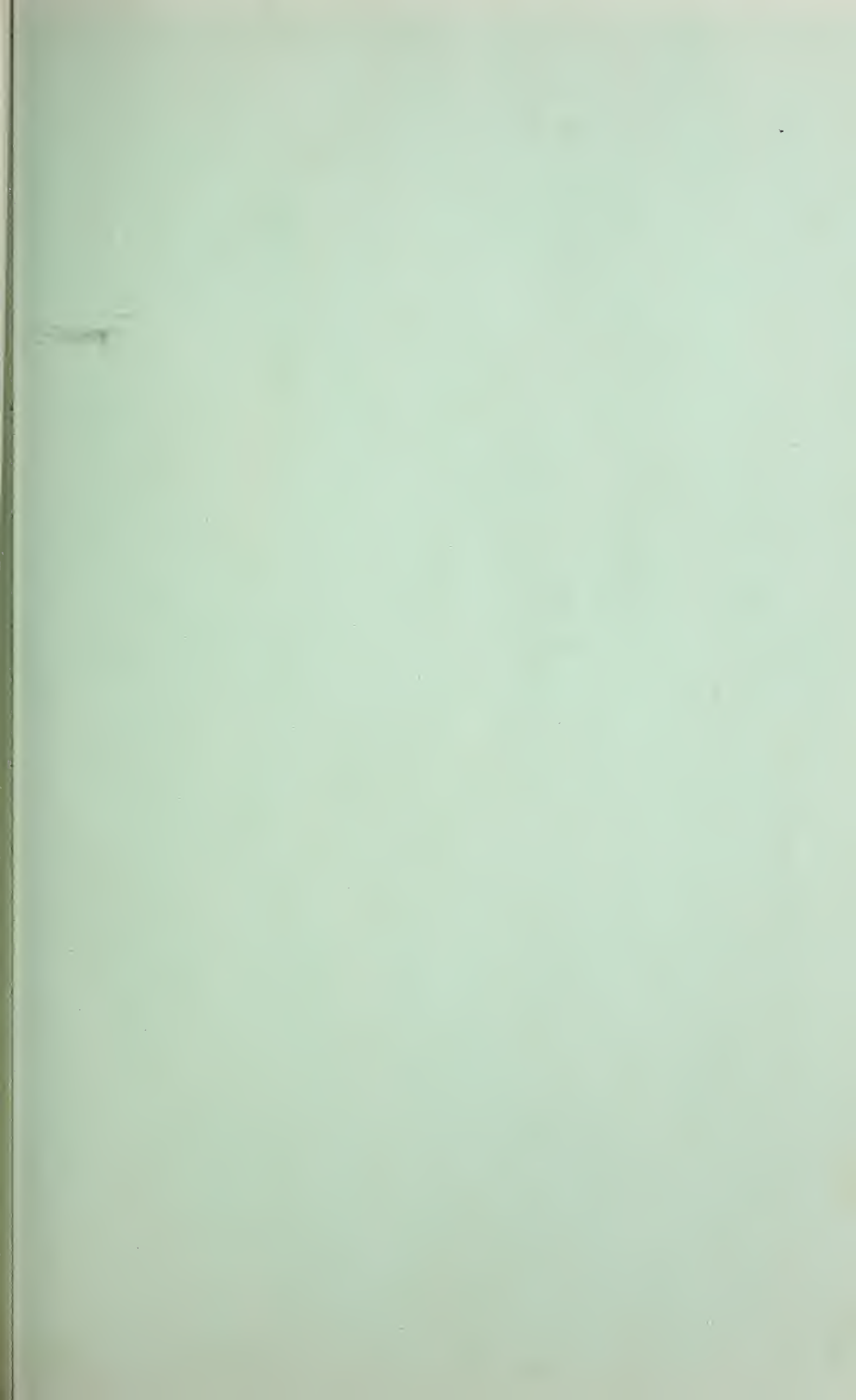
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Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

\$11735 77

\$11735 77







Herbert C. Orr
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